Consultation with 11th Finance Commission for amending the Constitution

2667. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2048 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the 11th Finance Commission has been consulted on the issue of amending the Constitution to allow devolution of Central Tax resources to States as per the guidelines provided by the 10th Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Post of Chief Commissioner of Income Tax in Orissa

2668. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Since when the post of Chief Commissioner of Income Tax in Orissa in lying vacant ;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) by when a regular Chief Commissioner will be posted ;

(d) by whom the additional Charge of Chief Commissioner is held at present ; and

(e) whether Government have any plans to abolish the post of Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) to (d) : The post of Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Orissa, is one of the three posts at this level upgraded from the level of Commissioner of Income Tax vide sanction letter dated the 2nd July, 1999. The charge is presently held by the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax-II, Calcutta as an additional charge. This arrangement has been ordered for administrative reasons and the regular posting will be made at an appropriate time.

(e) No, Madam.